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South Region Continues to Support Our Wounded Warriors *by Al Barnes*

It's been 7 years since Marine Cpl. Brandon Johnson was wounded while on a convoy in Iraq. There have been plenty of hurdles to overcome since then, including how to enjoy outdoor activities with his three children.

Through a request from one of our DAU family members, Tami Tubell—a volunteer with the Huntsville Tennessee Valley American Business Clubs (AMBUCS)—the South Region Alumni Association raised enough donations to provide Brandon and fellow wounded warrior, Army Chief Warrant Officer Matthew Burley, an AmTryke. An



Cpl. Johnson and the South family

AmTryke is a therapeutic tricycle designed for those with mobility issues.

"The whole idea of AmTryke is that people with disabilities get to get out and exercise, too," Tubell said.

The three-wheeled bike has a wider wheel base, specially designed seats, and foot and hand pedals, depending on the individual's needs. They can also be made for children.

Watching these two heroes and their families' humble acceptance of the donations made everyone involved feel proud and honored to be part of the presentation.

Aberdeen Proving Grounds Fellows Visit Office of Management and Budget

On Dec. 10, nine APG fellows—accompanied by **Bob Daugherty**, Capital and Northeast Dean, APG Senior Service College Fellowship (SSCF) Director **Jim Oman**, and Professor Len Fullenkamp of the Department of National Security and Strategy, U.S. Army War College—visited the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Executive Office of the President.

The fellows met with the Honorable Joseph G. Jordon, Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), and Joanie Newhart, Associate Administrator, OFPP to discuss a wide range of topics. The fellows also met with Bill McQuaid, Senior Program Analyst in the Investment Branch, National Security Division, OMB. McQuaid, with his multiple decades of experience, delivered a detailed briefing that provided an overview of OMB that touched upon what OMB does and its mission.

McQuaid then engaged in a detailed conversation regarding the DoD and the Defense budget from OMB's perspective. Within this framework, Mr. McQuaid shared his insights on the current and projected economic and budgetary picture, the impact of the Budget Control Act and sequestration, and provided hard-

hitting figures on the significance of the defense budget, which represents 50 percent of the federal government's discretionary budget.

The fellows also participated in a panel discussion with deputies from the OMB Procurement, Information Technology, Finance, and Performance sections, and directly engaged multiple leaders, each of whom had numerous years of experience in a variety of disciplines.

In the course of the day, the fellows learned about and developed a deeper understanding of a multitude of topics including the strategic considerations and perspectives associated with setting acquisition policy for the federal government, the Administration's acquisition priorities, and how DoD policies and procedures align with the Administration's acquisition and budget priorities. The visit to OMB and the ensuing discussions provided an exceptional opportunity for the fellows to view and consider the many significant issues being shaped and managed by the organizational leaders within OMB, as well as leadership challenges faced by each of these senior leaders.



APG Fellows; Jim Oman, APG SSCF Program Director; and Ms. Joanie Newhart, Associate Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy at the conclusion of their visit to the OMB in the new Executive Office Building on Dec. 10.